



AUGUST.—Three charts: 92 tracks; three or four instances every year.

**Third decade: 20-31.—32 storms.**—The opening of the bundle or *fan* formed by the tracks is a remarkable feature of the end of August. The middle of it is less dense, and the trajectories traced by the centres are gathering more towards the edges which glide on one side as far as the Gulf of Tongking, on the other on the Marianas, the Bonin group and the eastern shores of Nippon. The Formosa Strait remains a very dangerous place, but we must note that the storms in the middle of the *fan*, appear to find it more and more difficult to reach the coast to the N of Foochow, and many of those which come inland between Foochow and Hongkong are exhausted and die away after short life on the Continent.

One feels that the great Asiatic anticyclone is slowly approaching, and its advance though still distant, is gradually barring the way to the tropical depressions, and preparing a rent in the middle of the *fan* by bending the tracks, on one hand towards the southern provinces of China, on the other towards Japan. The isobaric line 758<sup>mm</sup> which kept on eastern Japan during the middle of the month, has travelled an immense way westwards, bending across Korea and the Gulf of Pechihli; at the same time the two depressions of the Chinese coast are at a higher level, and have coalesced into one single elliptical area, between lat. 18° and 30°, long. 118° and 127°, with Formosa just in the middle.

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